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**Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office

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Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2001 (Paper No. 28), in the captioned application. A response with a three-month extension of time is due January 26, 2002. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the instant Reply is timely filed with the attached Petition for Extension of Time and related fee. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is authorized to debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 08-1641. Please amend the application as follows in the Amended Claims and in the attached Marked Copy.